

ORDINANCE NO. 6-20-95

AN ORDINANCE AMENDING SECTION 915
OF THE LANESBORO ORDINANCE CODE,
RELATING TO CURFEW

AN ORDINANCE REGULATING THE PRESENCE AND CONDUCT OF MINORS ON STREETS AND OTHER PUBLIC PLACES; DEFINING DUTIES OF PARENTS OR OTHERS IN CARE OF MINORS; PROVIDING FOR PROCEDURES AND PENALTIES FOR VIOLATIONS THEREOF.

The City of Lanesboro ordains:

Section 915 of the Lanesboro Ordinance Code is hereby amended to read as follows:

WHEREAS, persons under the age of 18 are particularly susceptible by their lack of maturity and experience to participate in unlawful and gang-related activities and to be victims of other perpetrators of crime; and

WHEREAS, the City of Lanesboro has an obligation to provide for the protection of minors from each other and from other persons, for the enforcement of parental control over and responsibility for children, for the protection of the general public, and for the reduction of the incidence of juvenile criminal activities; and

WHEREAS, a curfew for those under the age of 18 will be in the interest of the public health, safety and general welfare of and will help attain the foregoing objectives and to diminish the undesirable impact of such conduct on the citizens of the City of Lanesboro;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY
OF LANESBORO:

Section 1. Definitions

In this Section:

(a) CURFEW HOURS means:

- (1) 11:00 p.m. on any Sunday, Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday, or Thursday until 6:00 a.m. of the following day; and,
- (2) 12:01 a.m. until 6:00 a.m. on any Friday or Saturday.

(b) EMERGENCY means an unforeseen combination of circumstances or the resulting state that calls for immediate action. The term includes, but is not limited to, a fire, a natural disaster, an automobile accident, or any situation requiring immediate action to prevent serious bodily injury or loss of life.

(c) ESTABLISHMENT means any privately owned place of business operated for a profit to which the public is invited, including but not limited to any place of amusement or entertainment.

(d) GUARDIAN means:

- (1) a person who, under court order, is the guardian of the person of a minor; or
- (2) a public or private agency with whom a minor has been placed by a court.

(e) MINOR means any person under 18 years of age.

(f) OPERATOR means any individual, firm, association, partnership or corporation operating, managing or conducting any establishment. The term includes the members or partners of an association or partnership and the officers of a corporation.

(g) PARENT means a person who is:

- (1) a natural parent, adoptive parent, or step-parent of another person; or
- (2) at least 18 years of age and authorized by a parent or guardian to have the care and custody of a

minor.

- (h) PUBLIC PLACE means any place to which the public or a substantial group of the public has access and includes, but is not limited to, streets, highways, and the common areas of schools, hospitals, apartment houses, office buildings, transport facilities, and shops.
- (i) REMAIN means to:
 - (1) linger or stay; or
 - (2) fail to leave premises when requested to do so by a police officer or the owner, operator, or other person in control of the premises.
- (j) SERIOUS BODILY INJURY means bodily injury that creates a substantial risk of death or that causes death, serious permanent disfigurement, or protracted loss or impairment of the function of any bodily member or organ.

Section 2. Restrictions.

- (a) It shall be unlawful for any minor to remain in any public place or on the premises of any establishment within the city during curfew hours.
- (b) It shall be unlawful for any parent or guardian of a minor to knowingly permit, or by insufficient control, allow the minor to remain in any public place or on the premises of any establishment within the city during curfew hours. The term "knowingly" includes knowledge which a parent or guardian should reasonably be expected to have concerning the whereabouts of a minor in the legal custody of that parent or guardian.
- (c) It shall be unlawful for any owner, operator or any employee of an establishment to knowingly allow a minor to remain upon the premises of the establishment during curfew hours.

Section 3. Exceptions.

- (a) The following shall constitute valid exceptions to the operation of the curfew. That the minor was:
 - (1) accompanied by the minor's parent or guardian;
 - (2) on an errand at the direction of the minor's parent or guardian, without any detour or stop;
 - (3) in a motor vehicle involved in interstate travel;

- (4) engaged in an employment activity, or going to or returning home from an employment activity, without any detour or stop;
 - (5) involved in an emergency;
 - (6) on the sidewalk abutting the minor's residence or abutting the residence of a next-door neighbor if the neighbor did not complain to the police department about the minor's presence;
 - (7) attending an official school, religious or other recreational activity supervised by adults and sponsored by the City of Lanesboro, a civic organization, or another similar entity that takes responsibility for the minor, or going to or returning home from, without any detour or stop, an official school, religious or other recreational activity supervised by adults and sponsored by the City of Lanesboro, a civic organization, or another similar entity that takes responsibility for the minor;
- (b) It is a defense to prosecution under Section 2 that the owner, operator or employee of an establishment promptly notified the police department that a minor was present on the premises of the establishment during curfew hours and refused to leave.

Section 4. Enforcement.

Before taking any enforcement action under this Section, a police officer shall ask the apparent offender's age and reason for being in the public place. The officer shall not issue a citation or make an arrest under this section unless the officer reasonably believes that an offense has occurred and that, based on any response and other circumstances, no defense in Section 3 is present.

Section 5. Penalties.

- (a) A person who violates a provision of this chapter is guilty of a separate offense of each day or part of a day during which the violation is committed, continued, or permitted.
- (b) Any minor who is convicted of a violation of this ordinance after the case has been referred for prosecution in the trial court under Minn. Stat. §260.15, and any adult person having the care and custody of such minor, is guilty of a petty misdemeanor and shall be punished by a fine not to exceed \$200.00.

Section 6. That the terms and provisions of this ordinance are severable. If any provision of this ordinance is, for any reason, held to be invalid, such decision shall not effect the validity of the remaining portions of this ordinance. It is intended that the Curfew Ordinance be held inapplicable in such cases, if any, where its application would be unconstitutional.

Section 7. That this ordinance shall take effect immediately from and after its passage and publication according to law.

Passed by the Lanesboro City Council this 20th day of June, 1995.

(SEAL)

Vernon W. Groen
Vernon Groen, Mayor

ATTESTED BY:

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Stephen Sarvi
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